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**Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the
United Nations peacekeeping operations****Transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base
at Brindisi****Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and
Budgetary Questions**

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the note by the Secretary-General on the transfer of buildings to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi (A/58/596). During its consideration of the matter, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General.
2. The Government of Italy has indicated its willingness to transfer to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi five additional buildings with a total floor space of 1,760 square metres. The buildings are located within the premises of the Logistics Base and would be accommodating the assets of the strategic deployment stocks and other Logistics Base requirements. The existing Logistics Base building and the five additional buildings would be used to house the Logistics Base headquarters, its Air Operations Unit and the staff canteen, and for the storage of assets and materials (see A/58/596, para. 1).
3. Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that, for comparison purposes only, the market rental value of the equivalent space has been estimated at \$561,715 per annum, and the alternative of constructing containerized offices would require an additional amount of \$985,671. The renovation and maintenance costs of the five buildings would be borne by the United Nations at a cost of some \$140,000 for renovations and, thereafter, about \$15,000 per annum for maintenance. The appropriation for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 for the Logistics Base would cover the additional costs for that period (*ibid.*, para. 2). As the acceptance of the buildings would involve additional financial liability for the United Nations in respect of the cost of their maintenance, the approval of the General Assembly is sought, consistent with financial regulation 3.11 (*ibid.*, para. 3).



4. The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve the acceptance of five additional buildings pledged by the Government of Italy in support of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.